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SUBJECT: TRADE ACT OF 1974 - COUNTRY ELIGIBILITY
FOR GENERALIZED PREFERENCES (GSP)

REF: (A) STATE 51555; (B) STATE 66541;

(C) NAIROBI 2292

1. EMBASSY PLEASED TO RQARN THAT USG HAS
DECLARED
KENYA ELIGIBLE FOR U.S. TRADE PREFERENCES UNDER
U.S. TRADE ACT OF 1974. KENYA RIGHTLY INCLUDED BECAUSE
KENYA: (A) IS NOT MEMBER OF OPEC OR SIMILAR CARTEL;
(B) WILL NOT BE EXTENDING REVERSE TRADE PREFERENCES
WHEN GSP EFFECTED; (C) HAS NO NARCOTICS PROBLEM WITHIN
SPECIFIC MEANING OF ACT; (D) HAS NOT NATIONALIZED U.S.
PROPERTY IN SENSE SECTION 502 (B) (4) OF TITLE V OF
ACT (SEE NAIROBI 22,).

2. AT SAME TIME, WE WISH DRAW DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION
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TO FACT THAT KENYA REMAINS SCEPTICAL ABOUT MEANING OF

GSP FOR KENYA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI HAS STATED THAT KENYA DOES NOT POSSESS THE TECHNOLOGY TO MANUFACTURE, OR THE CAPACITY TO DELIVER, PRODUCTS WHICH COULD COMPETE IN U.S. MARKET.

3. AS DEPARTMENT MUST ALSO BE AWARE, EMBASSY HAD BEEN HESITANT TO ASK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR DIRECT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN RECEIVING BENEFITS OF GSP. KENYA HAS LEANED TOWARD SOLIDARITY WITH OPEC COUNTRIES REGARDING ISSUE OF EXCULSIONHVF OPEC COUNTRIES FROM ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP.

4. PRESIDENT FORD'S ACTION HAS NOW MADE KENYA ELIGIBLE WITHOUT RISK OF ELICITING FORMAL NEGATIVE KENYAN RESPONSE BEFOREHAND. THE EXECUTIVE ORDER HAS NOT, HOWEVER, ELIMINATED NEED FOR CONTINUING EX-POSITION OF GSP BENEFITS. EMBASSY WILL PURSUE UNDERSTANDING BILATERALLY.
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